(b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken steps such as implementation of additional parallel Air Traffic Services (ATS) routes and Reduced Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM). Automatic Dependent System with Controller Pilot Data Link Communication System has been introduced at Chennai and Kolkata as introduced at Mumbai and Delhi in order to have an efficient Air Traffic Control. Besides, in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), AAI is implementing GPS and GEO augmented Navigation (GAGAN), an augmentation system to enhance the accuracy and integrity of GPS signals to meet precision requirements. A dedicated Satellite Communication System through Indian Satellite is also being installed. AAI has also taken steps for rapid exit taxi tracks, parallel taxi tracks to secondary runway and parking bays. Further, it has been decided to upgrade and modernise the airports at Delhi and Mumbai through public-private-partnership aiming to make them world class airports. A Committee under Shri K. Roy Paul, former Secretary (Civil Aviation) was also constituted which has recommended short, medium and long term measures to decongest the air traffic and enhance air traffic capacity at Delhi and Mumbai in particular and some other airports of the country.

Pending cases against companies

1604. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of prosecution cases are pending in various courts in India for years on account of violation of various provisions of the Companies Act;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the average time taken in disposal of these cases;

(c) the nature of violations; and

(d) steps being taken by Government for expediting the prosecution proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 43573 prosecutions launched under the Companies Act were pending as on 31st March, 2003. During the year 1.4.2003 to 31.3.2004, approximately 6552 prosecutions were filed against 1954 companies and their officers. In all 50125 prosecutions were taken up in the Court, out of these 4563 prosecutions were disposed of and 45562 cases were pending as on 31st March, 2004. The time taken for disposal for an individual case depends upon the nature of offence or offences.

(c) Prosecutions were launched on the basis of findings of violation of various provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, by the companies and their officers in default including inadequate maintenance and filing of statutory records.

(d) The Government monitors the cases filed for prosecution of offences in the Courts and takes legal action from time to time through appropriate submissions before the Courts. Separately, this Ministry has constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri O.P. Vaish, to consider, *inter alia*, ways and means to improve the process of prosecution under the Companies Act, 1956. This Committee is yet to submit its Report. In view of the volume of litigation before the Courts, Government has also taken steps for legislative reforms by amending procedural laws, constituting fast track courts, etc. to enable speeding up of the process of adjudication.

Sale of shares of Government establishments

1605. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the Government establishments where shares are contemplated to be sold:

(b) the extent of shares under plans for sale; and

(c) how many of these establishments happen to be the gaining concerns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Disinvestment decisions are taken by the Government on a case-by-case basis by following the established procedure. In May 2005, the Government decided on an 'offer for sale' of 10% equity of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) out of Government's